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PROJECT FUNDING

REFERENCE: A-75 STATE 210312, B-75 PRETORIA 4030, C- 75 STATE 262653
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1. AS PER PARA THREE (3) REFTEL B, PRIMARY PURPOSE BEHIND ANTI-TERRORIST RECOMMENDATIONS OF REFTEL B IS TO ESTABLISH PHYSICAL BARIERS BETWEEN PUBLIC AND INTERIOR PREMISES ON ALL THREE EMBASSY FLOORS AND TO FUNNEL ALL VISITORS INITIALLY TO SEVENTH FLOOR WHERE THEY WILL BE SCREENED BY RECEPTIONIST AND MSG WHO WILL BE LOCATED IN PROTECTED BOOTH. RSO HAS HAD LENGTHY, INCONCLUSIVE, CORRESPONDENCE WITH A/SY/T/SP WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHING BALLISTICALLY EFFECTIVE RECEPTION BOOTH. AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS AT JANUARY REGIONAL SECURITY CONFERENCE HELD IN NAIROBI, RSO AND POST FEEL BEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF ESTABLISHING A PROTECTED RECEPTION BOOTH IS TO CONSTRUCT A FOUR(4) INCH POURED CONCRETE WALL BACKED BY 1/4 INCH SHEET STEEL IN FRONT OF RECEPTION BOOTH. WINDOW AREA WOULD BE PROTECTED BY THREE (3) JOINED SHEETS OF LEXAN PROVIDED BY RTC/ADDIS.

2. ADDITONAL COSTS, OVER AND ABOVE THOSE ALREADY PROJECTED REFTEL B, WOULD INVOLVE RENOVATIONS TO RECEPTION BOOTH AND SHIPMENT COST OF LEXAN FROM ADDIS. LOCAL CONTRACTOR HAS PROVIDED ESTIMATE OF $10,000 TO CONSTRUCT DOORS IN SIXTH FLOOR FOYER, CONSTRUCT DOORS BLOCKING SEVENTH FLOOR CORRIDORS, CONSTRUCT DOORS IN EIGHTH FLOOR FOYER, BLOCK CONSULAR SECTION DOOR, AND EFFECT ALL RECEPTION BOOTH
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RENOVATIONS. CONTRACTOR AVAILABLE TO START WORK IN NEAR FUTURE

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(IDEAL TIME WOULD BE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 15).

3. REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS OF $9,415 BE PROVIDED TO SUPPLEMENT THOSE ALREADY PROVIDED REFTEL C IN ORDER ACCOMPLISH PROJECTS NOTED PARA TWO (2) ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

4. GRILLE WORK AND COVERING FOR WINDOWS AND AIRWELL SPACES WILL BE PERFORMED BY SEPARATE CONTRACTOR WITH FUNDS ALREADY PROVIDED REF C.

5. WILL PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH ACTUAL COST OF SHIPPING LEXAN MATERKALS FROM ADDIS TO PRETORIA AS SOON AS THOSE COSTS ARE DETERMINED.

6. WITH RESPECT TO RECEPTION BOOTH RENOVATIONS, DEPARTMENT IS ADVISED THAT SIMILAR RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE FORTHCOMING FOR AMCONGEN/EMBASSY CAPE TOWN AND THE NEW OB PROJECTED FOR DURBAN. BOWDLER

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